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Title: PRINTER TEAR BAR AND PRESENTER SYSTEM

Attorney docket number: 732.400 SDG.CON-Printer Tear Bar System

Group Number: 3724

10 Examiner: Flores-Sanchez, O

> **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

> > **ELECTION**

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on December 20, 2000, the applicant elects group IV, claims 9-21, without prejudice or disclaimer.

20 **REMARKS**

The applicant respectfully points out the following items in the restriction requirement:

The examiner stated that claims 2, 7, and 8 are drawn to tapered tear bars of "circular cross section." Claims 2, 7, and 8 are not necessarily drawing to circular tear bars. These claims are silent as to the cross section of the tear bars.

The examiner stated that claim 6 is drawn to "internal shaft." The applicant does not understand what "internal shaft" means. Claim 6 is silent as to whether the tear bar is internal or external.

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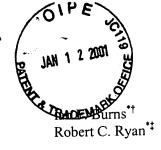
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